WINGED MISSILES.

A scheme is on foot to construct a railroad up the Jungfrau.

Louisiana is becoming a very important sugar and lumber state.

The Union Pacific is building a new road Southward through Utah.

The average life of an ocean cable, as at present constructed, is twelve years.

An insurance company conducted by women has been established in New Orleans.

More business men and fewer lawyers and more talkers are wanted in Congress.

Only policemen and stars are allowed to shoot on the streets of a well-regulated city.

The Canadian government has subsidized a steamship line between Vancouver and China.

A tailor requires many yards to cover a man, but a burglar will cover him with a small revolver.

John G. Whittier says he expects to live to see the age of 100 years, though he is not anxious to do so.

Over 1,000 cars of Ohio grapes have been shipped this year to points west of the Rocky Mountains.

There is a good deal of sense in the old sea proverb: "He that embarks with the devil must sail with him."

The Pacific Coast is becoming a great manufacturing section. Thousands of Jap canoe are arriving there.

Ex-Congressman Stephen F. Wilson, of Wellsboro, Pa., has built for himself a granite tomb in shape of a log cabin.

It is said that Montana does not blame Germany for not recognizing Hearst, for he hardly knows himself with trousers on.

Wine is one of the staple products of France. Over 7 millions of the people there are engaged in cultivating the vine.

English syndicates have invaded the Asiatic empire, and are buying up breweries in Bohemia, and printing offices in Vienna.

There is talk of negro colonization on a large scale in Mexico. White labor is gradually crowding black labor out in the South.

There is considerable "hallooing" going on in this country all the time. About 300,000 telephones are in use in the United States.

William Loofbourow, a pearl fisher at Monroe, Wis., sold a pearl for $430 which he had taken from a clam shell in the Pecatonica.

Rev. Dr. William H. Furness, of Philadelphia, although over ninety years old, can still make a glowing address when he gets warmed up.

Jay Gould is being done by a portrait artist in New York. The wits are remarking that it is the first time that one has been able to do him up.

The tallest smoke stack in America is at Fall River, Mass. It is 340 feet high. The tallest chimney in the world is at Paisley, Scotland. It is 80 feet high.

The modern war ships seem to be much freer from strokes of lightning than the old wooden vessels, the modern precautions being so much more effective.

One of the results of the French exhibition has been to make the London hansom cab very popular in Paris where it has hitherto been in no special favor.

The French Government is having rifles turned out for the army at the rate of 1,000 per day. The rifle sends a small bullet through 15 inches of solid oak at 220 yards.

Joe Mulhatton, the famous romancer, whose wonderful stories startle the newspaper world, is said to be a hard-working member of the Baptist church at Louisville, Ky.

"Avoirdupois supports," at which each person is weighed and charged for their meals at the rate of 25 cents per 100 pounds of their weight, are latest in the country towns.

A South Bethlehem (Pa.) liveryman has learned a bit of wisdom expensively. The woman for whom he left his family and billdams left him in turn, and with $800 of his cash.

A number of English subscribers have received a bronze monument at Fort Ticonderoga to the memory of Lord Howe, and forgotten grave was discovered there some weeks ago.

The bulk of the country are going into business instead of law, and that profession is going down hill. Technical schools are attracting thousands of young men of the best families.

The Russian emperor, as he grows older, becomes in appearance more and more like a typical Cossack; colossal in figure, earthy bald flat-nosed, and enormously mustached and bearded.

There is a little hill in Queensland, only a few hundred feet high, which is worth a sterling well-deserved notice, because it has made Queensland the greatest gold-producing colony in Australia.

The German government does not make two kilos of the salvation army. It simply shuts down on the meetings of the active reformers and announces that there is no appeal from its decision.

At Plant City, Fla., there has been found what seems to be a half orange with a smooth skin and a half lemon with a rough skin, the latter being a little larger, growing together as one fruit.

Dr. J. Milton Bowers, of San Francisco, who three years ago was sentenced to death for poisoning his wife has brought suit against three insurance companies for $11,000 insurance on her life.

The railroad companies are doing quite well; earnings are better than a year ago; freight is plentier than cars and locomotives, and the car-building shops in many places working at night to catch up.

There have been two springs discovered in Bryan Co., W. T., which are only about fifteen feet apart, the water of one of which is colder than ice, if possible, while the other almost reaches a boiling temperature.

A wild boar was shot recently at Oak Hill, Cal., which weighed 360 pounds. It was snowwhite and had tusks six inches long. A painted skull was found in his carcass, the result of efforts of former hunters to kill him.

American wild turkeys have been successfully acclimated in Austria on that portion of the estate of Count Wrbna which is known as the Danubian meadows, and great flocks of them are to be seen in his forests.

A ramie company with a capital of $1,000,000 has been organized at Philadelphia to encourage the cultivation of ramie and to build machines for the decortication of the fibre on the plantations, and to establish mills to bleach and spin the product.

The king of Siam is a magnificent object in state attire. He glistens from head to feet with jewels worth more than $1,000,000. It is commonly reported in Bangkok that he has 800 wives and eighty-seven children, though the exact figures have never been given to his subjects.

A minister of the gospel, a son of a prominent minister of Lexington, Ky., is attempting the extraordinary task of committing the entire New Testament to memory. He has been working on it for a year and, as he has a wonderfully retentive brain, the work is in a fair way to early completion.

A Parisian architect, proud of his magnetic powers, sent the *cocher aveugle* of one of his friends to sleep the other day, and could not rouse her. Two hours' hard work by a chemist were necessary to bring her to consciousness, and then the amateur mesmerizer and his friends found themselves in custody.

The most notable incident during the Queen's autumn sojourn at Balmoral has been her return to the Glassalt Shiel where she has twice dined and slept, for the first time for seven years. The Shiel had not previously been visited by the Queen since the death of John Brown, at whose instigation it was built.

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"BILLY" WAS AHEAD.

What Came of a Base Conspiracy To Get Fun From a Goat.

Several small boys, a big black dog and a patriarchal and dignified "billy" goat were trying to have some fun. At least the boys and the dogs were trying to have some fun, but the goat seemed unable to discern just where his share of it came in.

The boys were doing their best to provoke a breach of the peace between the goat and the dog. The dog responded to their vigorous injunctions to "sics 'im" by barking loudly and executing a variety of feint attacks upon the goat's front, rear and flank quarters. In canine language this plainly meant:

"Come on, you duffer; you can't hit me. Just try it on."

But the goat had lived long enough in this deceitful world to understand the nature and meaning of a "bluff." He simply blinked reproachfully at the dog, and continued to chew the page of an "esteemed contemporary."

An Irishman, who had been idly watching the scene from the door of a neighboring shanty, suddenly became an active interest in the proceedings. Evidently he had been smitten with an idea.

"Is it fun you want?" he said, when he had joined the group of boys. "Shure 'a I can show yer how to get more fun out of de old billy than yer can shake a shtick at in a month, so I can."

"Please show us, mister," chorused the boys.

There were several feet of rope attached to the goat's horns, said rope being used to restrain his predatory disposition by tethering him to a post in his reput ed owner's back yard. The fact that it was still trailing from the goat's horns showed that he had somehow contrived to release himself from captivity to taste the stolen sweets of liberty.

The Irishman picked up the end of the rope, and admonished the dog first to "Thrail it!" and then to "Pull it, be jabbers!"

The dog obeyed instructions. When the first tug was conveyed to the goat he, too, suddenly ma nifested an active interest in the proceedings. He evidently suspected that there was a conspiracy on foot to return him to captivity, which, as a self-respecting "billy" goat, it behooved him to resist. He began to back.

The dog gave another vicious yank at the rope. The goat decided that passive resistance would not meet the emergency and decided upon the adoption of offensive tactics. He reared up on his hind legs. The boys laughed gleefully.

"Go it, Billy, me darlin'," shouted the Irishman, approvingly.

"Billy" did go it. So did the dog. The dog, still holding the rope, dodged behind the Irishman. In a moment the rope was around his legs. Before he could extricate himself the dog and "billy" gave a simultaneous tug at the rope. That and the law of gravitation combined proved too much for the Irishman. His legs shot from under him and he sat down hard in a puddle of mud. It would be difficult to tell whether the feelings of the Sunday-going-to-meeting trousers suffered most from the force of the contact.

The boys howled. Their cup of joy was full to overflowing.

The Irishman rose. He aimed a kick at the dog that reached its mark and sent the astonished cur yelping down the street with his tail between his legs.

"I'll teach you to laugh at me, you miserable spalpeen," exclaimed the Irishman, furiously, shaking his attention to the boys. He taught them a valuable lesson ally that their notes of joy were soon changed to wailing and lamentation.

Then he sought the goat. But the goat meanwhile had sought a rocky crag, from whose serene heights he placidly surveyed the discomfiture that had overtaken his foes.

"Michael O'Shaughnessy," shouted a voice from the shanty, "didn't I tell you never to fool wid Daniel O'Connell's billy goat? Shure, you're sorved just right, so you are."

Then the goat wagged his apology for a tail gloefully, and prepared to make a meal of a kite that had come to grief on the rocks.

But He Lied.

A Nebraska miller put a sign on the safe in his office to the effect that it contained only seven cents, and advising robbers not to throw away their time, but they busted it the other night and got $4,000 of the long green. Robbers should not be too ready to believe.

Cremation in Germany.

Cremation is coming more and more into vogue in Germany, in spite of the expense and certain legal difficulties which render its performance in some parts almost an impossibility. At Gotha no fewer than 100 bodies have been cremated during a present year.

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Total	$781,298 89

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Capital stock	$100,000 00
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Deposits	650,837 21
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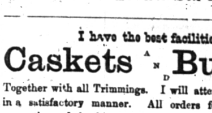

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